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Resident assistants provide a helping hand for students new to the university environment. See page 3.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
39 Cloudy	54 T-storms	54 Partly Cloudy
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Briefs



Book donations

Phi Alpha Theta (history honorary) is looking for book donations. They will be having a book sale Wednesday and Thursday on Rarick, Third Floor. To donate books to the club contact the history office at 628-4248 by Monday.

Pilot Award nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Pilot Award. Seniors who will graduate this spring or summer are eligible to nominate an outstanding faculty member for this award. Turn in nominations by Wednesday in the the Alumni Office, Custer Hall.

Special Olympics

The State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament will be held March 16, 17 and 18. Volunteers are needed to help with this three day event. If you would like more information on how to get involved, contact Carol at 628-4276 or 628-1776.

One-act plays

Student directed one act plays will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Felten-Start Theater, Malloy Hall. Admission is free.

Pitch tournament

The Communication Club and Lambda Pi Eta will sponsor their second annual pitch tournament from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday in the Memorial Union Cafeteria. The entry fee is \$10 per team of two people. Anyone interested call Jody at 628-1069, Natalie at 625-8005 or Dee at 625-9451.

Women's Center

The Women's Center presents "I Was Born This Way," a speech about women's equity issues by Dorothy Knoll, at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Trails Room, Memorial Union.

Volleyball Club

The Fort Hays State Volleyball Club will be hosting the Sip 'n Spin Invitational, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and from noon - 5 p.m. on Sunday in Cunningham Gym 121. All students are admitted free. There will be a social Saturday night at Sip 'n Spin, 207 W. 10th. For more information call Paul Murray at 625-2591.

Mortar Board

There will be a mandatory Mortar Board meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Endowment Association. Any questions, contact Crystal at 628-3228.

Nursing association

Fort Hays State Association of Nursing Students (FHANS) will be having a meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the lobby of Stroup Hall. All pre-nursing and nursing students are encouraged to attend. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Tiger by the Tale

Tiger by the Tale will be performing at 7 p.m. Thursday in the east living room of McMindes Hall. The performance is free of charge.

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Kelly Center director suffers fatal heart attack

Scott Aust
Editor in chief

Howard Halpern, director of the Kelly Center, died early Wednesday morning in Picken Hall. He was 52.

CPR was administered at the scene, but Halpern could not be resuscitated.

The cause of death was a heart attack. Autopsy reports showed that Halpern had suffered from a series of small heart attacks, but he apparently was not aware of his condition.

Members of the Kelly Center said they were shocked and saddened by Halpern's sudden death.

K.C. Wakefield, Eckley, Colo.,

sophomore, a secretary at the center, said, "We thought we finally had a good director."



Halpern

said, "Howard's only been at the uni-

versity a short time, but he had a tremendous impact. "He was a gentle man, a caring person who will be missed."

Carla Hattan has been named as the acting director of the Kelly Center, according to James Dawson, vice president for student and institutional development.

Dawson said a search for a new director will begin sometime in the fall. Halpern came to FHSU from Lincoln, Neb., where he was director of the Child Guidance Center. At the center, he specialized in the treatment of adolescents and their families.

He worked as a child advocate and worked with the legislature to increase funding for mental health and child abuse services for children.

The Kelly Center will be closed today so members can attend Halpern's funeral in Lincoln, Neb.

Halpern was born July 26, 1942, in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Albert and Patricia (Honig) Halpern.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his mother, Patricia; a daughter, Megan, Lincoln; three step-sons, Rodney Ware, Ricky Ware, Randy Ware, all of Lincoln; a step-daughter, Debbie Ware, Lincoln; two step-grandchildren, Aaron and Abbie Ware,

Lincoln.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. today in Lincoln at Butherus, Maser, Love Mortuary. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in Halpern's name for the Child Guidance Center of Lincoln. Donations may be sent to the mortuary at 4040 A Street, Lincoln, NE, 68510.

To send cards to the family, the address is: Shirley Halpern and Family, 7331 Glenview Street, Lincoln, NE, 68505.

A memorial service will be held for Kelly Center staff and family next Thursday in Hays.



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Ready to dunk

Christian Bechard, 4, son of Armond and Cindy Bechard of Hays, plays with a basketball goal after Tuesday's men's basketball game in Gross Memorial Coliseum. The goals were lowered and removed by crews immediately after the game.

Heath discusses exchange program

Tammi Harris
Senate reporter

Lisa Heath, assistant dean of students, spoke about the National Student Exchange, at last night's Student Government Association meeting.

"Students can attend another university that participates in the program and still pay tuition on their home campus while attending the other school," Heath said.

"It's a great opportunity for students that many other students (at other universities) don't have," she said.

In 1993-94, Heath placed 12 stu-

dents at other universities and had four students come to FHSU.

"By agreement, the schools that participate waive the out of state tu-



SGA

ition, so they are considered in-state students," Heath said.

Heath said some of the reasons students participate in the NSE program are because students want to see different parts of the world, because the student has family in different places

across America, and some students even want to get coursework from different colleges.

Travis Crites, SGA executive assistant, said the March 9 Administrative Forum will begin at 7 p.m. in the Black and Gold Ballroom, Memorial Union.

The purpose of the forum is for any student to come and "express any concern they may have," Crites said. Students are welcome to come and ask any kind of question, anything about Fort Hays State policies.

Students are encouraged to attend

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Balanced budget amendment defeated

David Esopo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) In dramatic fashion, a battle-weary Senate rejected by the narrowest of margins Thursday an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would have forced balancing of the national budget by 2002.

The 65-35 vote — two votes short of the two-thirds majority required to change the Constitution — dealt the Republicans their biggest defeat since they took control of Congress last fall and scuttled the cornerstone of their drive to slash federal spending.

President Clinton, who waged a quiet campaign against the proposal, attributed the amendment's failure to the Republicans' refusal to offer a "simple

guarantee that Social Security would be protected."

That is America's universal pension plan with tens of millions of elderly recipients who form a major voting bloc. Democratic leaders couched their fight as a battle to protect the program, and Republicans vehemently denied they would hit it.

The margin would have been only one vote but for a parliamentary maneuver by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. The Kansas Republican, who backs the proposal, voted against it at the last moment to keep the right to force lawmakers to vote again on the hugely popular measure in the fall of 1996, in the heart of the election campaign.

Amendment supporters immedi-

ately began seeking political advantage and included Clinton among their targets.

"A handful of senators and the president have won this battle, and the people have lost," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, a chief sponsor.

Clinton urged the Congress to turn immediately to the business of writing a budget that is tough on reducing the deficit, saying the nation does not need a constitutional amendment to work toward a balanced budget.

"I am ready as ever to work with the Congress to make further reductions in the deficit," he said and warned Republicans against unduly harsh cuts in education and programs that ben-

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Graphic artists take top awards at contest

Jason McCullough
Staff writer

Graphic arts students from Fort Hays State competed last weekend at the American Institute of Graphic Arts contest in Wichita.

Students from FHSU swept the top three awards, and received four of the six honorable mention awards.

Chaiwat Thumsujarit, associate professor of art, said that a total of 52 students from the University of Kansas, Oklahoma State, Friends University, Wichita State, Oklahoma Christian University, the University of Tulsa and FHSU competed for the nine possible awards.

Winning FHSU students were Travis Lampe, Colby senior, first place, the portfolio excellence award and a \$750 scholarship; Theresa Englert, Hays senior, second, the portfolio merit award and a \$300 scholarship; Hsi Sherman Chu, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, graduate student, third, the portfolio merit award and a \$200 scholarship.

The four students receiving honorable mentions were Chad Ackley, Ellis senior; Jeremy Pruitt, Lindsborg senior; Karrie Simpson, Larned senior; and Sandra Weishaar, Colby senior.

Thumsujarit said that they had been preparing their portfolios the whole year.

"We were able to do so well because we combined illustration, type,

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Gimme a beat

Tiger Deb Julie Brittain, Hays freshman, performs during halftime of Tuesday's men's basketball game.

Families join students in Friendship Family Program

Mark J. Dolan
Circulation manager

The Friendship Family Program at Fort Hays State will host a "Friendship Family Country Night" from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, in the Black and Gold Room, Memorial Union.

Michelle Schneeweis, FHSU graduate student and program coordinator, said the program is designed to provide an opportunity for local families to welcome international students to the community.

"Local families get together (with the international students) and do things that they would normally do anyway and provide them with a sense of life here in Hays and in the United States," Schneeweis said.

According to the Friendship Family brochure, the program is also useful for the international students who are often thousands of miles from their home countries and suffering from "culture shock" in a new and alien environment.

Schneeweis described the upcoming event as an excellent opportunity

for the international students and the local families to get together in an informal and fun atmosphere.

"This social night is just a way to bring back all the families together and to just have fun and get acquainted with one another," Schneeweis said.

Schneeweis also said that the event will feature popular country "line dances" and different ethnic dances.

"We are going to teach them (the international students) a few American line dances, the Chicken, the Cotton-eye Joe, and we are going to ask some of our Thai students to show us some of their ethnic dances so we can learn some of the different dances that they do in their countries," Schneeweis said.

Schneeweis said that the program has served 20 local families and 30 international students participating.

One of the local participants, Jennie Michaelis, whose husband Mike helped initiate the program last year when he worked in the office of Student Development, was very enthusiastic about the program.

"It's good for the international students to have a place that they can

call home and it's good for the people of Hays to gain respect and understanding of other cultures," said Michaelis.

Shirley Yu, Hong Kong junior, concurred with Michaelis' endorsement of the program.

"You get to make some American friends, establish good relationships and eat some American home-cooked food," Yu said.

Yu is matched in the program with Pat Mahon, director of admissions.

There are now approximately 130 international students here at FHSU representing 26 different countries, and, according to Schneeweis, this represents a great opportunity for local families to gain exposure to different cultures.

"It's a great way to get familiar (with other cultures) and to travel without leaving Hays," Schneeweis said.

Anyone interested in the Friendship Family Country Night may attend. Those attending must R.S.V.P. by Monday, by contacting Carol Solko, international student adviser, at 628-4276.

Broadway musical travels to Hays

Gabriela Snyderup
A&E editor

Love, romance, ethnic differences, and prejudices all strongly interact as the plot of the famous Broadway musical, "South Pacific," unfolds.

The University Activities Board will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, "South Pacific" at 8 p.m. Monday in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center, as a part of the Encore Series.

The musical tells the story of a Navy nurse from Arkansas who falls in love with a much older French planter on a Pacific island during World War II. The story also unveils a Marine lieutenant's love for a native girl.

As both relationships grow, they suffer the prejudices and confusions of their different worlds.

The story came from a novel by James Michener entitled "Tales of the South Pacific."

The music was composed by Richard Rodgers and the lyrics were created by Oscar Hammerstein II.

The musical ran for five years on Broadway, winning eight Tony Awards for best director, scenic designer, producer, actor, actress, supporting actor and actress, and best musical.

"South Pacific" won the Pulitzer Prize, in 1950, for best drama.

"South Pacific" is one of the greatest musicals of all time," I.B. Dent, UAB director, said.

Other successful musicals created by Rodgers and Hammerstein include "The Sound of Music," "Oklahoma," "Carousel," and "The King and I."

Throughout the performance of "South Pacific," the audience will be entertained with such classic songs as "Some Enchanted Evening," "Nothing Like a Dame," "Bali Ha'i," and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair."

"I believe Fort Hays students will



COURTESY PHOTO

The Broadway musical "South Pacific" will show at 8 p.m. Monday in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center

recognize a significant number of the songs," Dent said.

"Students will be able to see where these classic songs actually came from and how they fit into the entire production," he said.

The musical has been performed world-wide in such places as New York, Chicago, Melbourne, Madrid, London, and many other cities.

The traveling company now performs nationwide. They hold open tryouts in several cities, including New York and Chicago, to pick the best actors and actresses.

"If you've never seen a Broadway show, with all of the sets, the orches-

tra, and the pit, then you really don't understand what an exciting thing it is to actually see a live Broadway performance."

"South Pacific is a classic," Dent said.

Admission for reserved seating is \$20 for the general public; \$18 for FHSU faculty/staff, senior citizens, and 18 and under; and \$16 for FHSU students. Also, a special ticket price of \$9 is available for all FHSU students in the unreserved balcony section.

Tickets are on sale at the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union.

Poetry to 'come alive' during speak out

Scott Aust
Editor in chief

The solitary microphone stand waits in a pool of white light. The audience sits at small circular tables in the dark basement.

Over the drone of the crowd, a voice oozes out of the PA system to announce the next act.

Into the circle of light walks a goateed man wearing a black beret and smoking a pipe. The crowd snaps its fingers at him as he begins to read.

Sound like a 1960s beatnik club? Although being a beatnik is not required, the Fort Hays State English Club will attempt to create an atmosphere just as creative tomorrow afternoon.

The club is sponsoring the second annual "Poetry Speak Out" at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at The Backdoor, in

the basement of Custer Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The event is free and open to the public and will give aspiring poets the opportunity to read their material out loud in front of an audience.

The first part of the "Speak Out," will feature performance poetry.

Carla Barber, Hays graduate, said, "The main idea of performance poetry is to show people who don't write poetry how it can come alive."

She said, "It is like the difference between reading a play and seeing a play."

Barber said around 10 people will be presenting performance pieces.

"Marilyn Coffey (associate professor of creative writing) will appear in costume with her dog," Barber said.

"One piece, written by me, will be narrated by Ellen Ho, accompanied by Chinese music."

Kim Gower, English Club president, said the performance poetry will last between 45 minutes and an hour.

"Then anyone who wants to speak can get up there," Gower said.

Gower said each speaker will be limited to around five minutes.

The event is being held on a Saturday afternoon to attract more people from the community.

Because the organizers want to attract families to the event, poets are asked to bring selections appropriate for listeners of all ages.

"We had a problem with foul language last year," Barber said.

"Real poets can express their rage or anger without using it."

American Indian Dance Theatre tickets to be refunded

The American Indian Dance Theatre did not perform as scheduled on Feb. 28 due to bus troubles caused by weather conditions, according to I.B. Dent, University Activities Board director.

Another program, to be announced at a future date, will be substituted for the Encore Series Season Ticket holders.

Others who purchased tickets may

receive refunds by presenting their ticket stubs at the Student Service Center in the Memorial Union, by Saturday, April 1. FHSU regrets the inconvenience to audience members.

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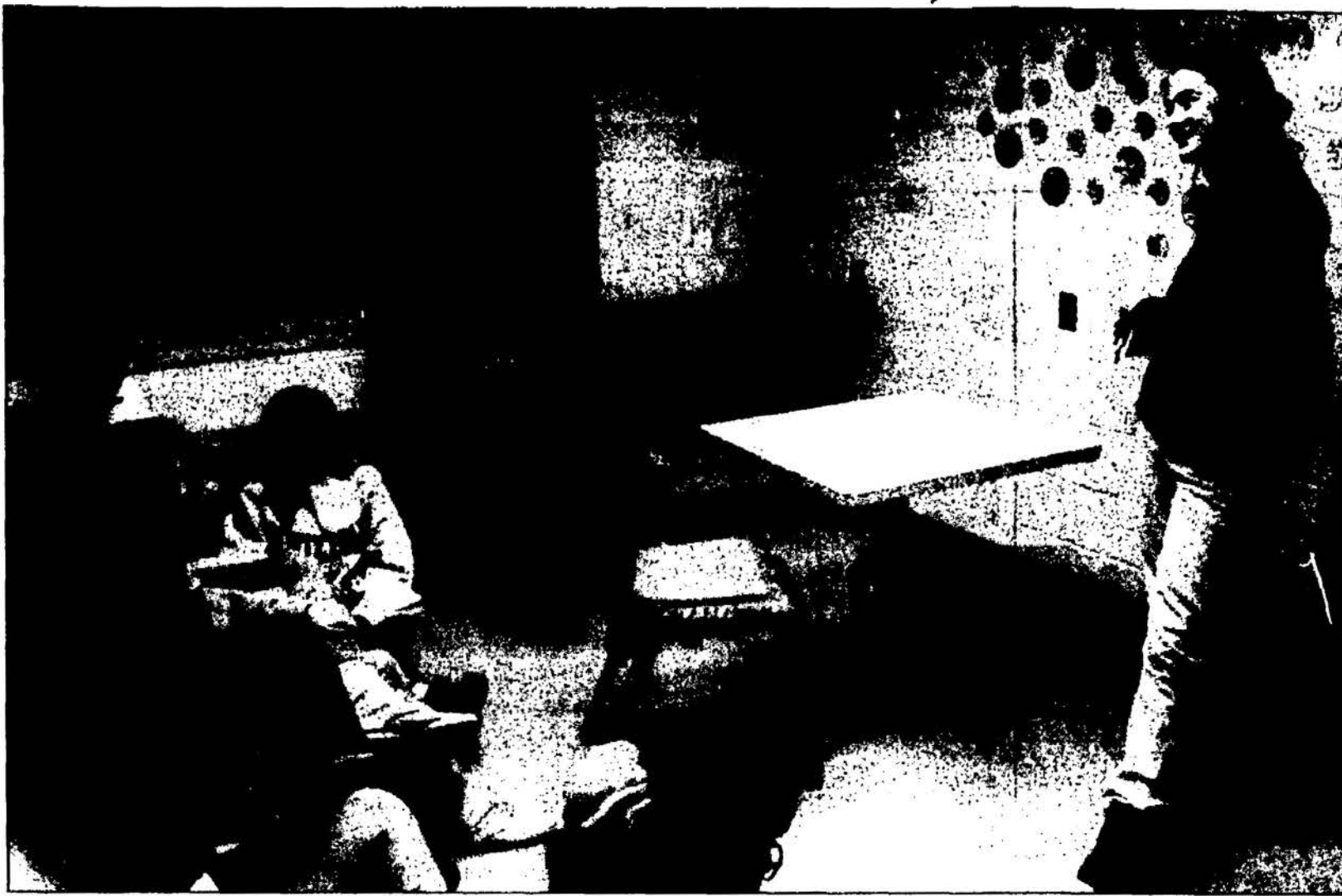
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TOP
Resident Assistant Karl Aspergren, Wilcox, Neb., senior, keeps order during a floor meeting with her residents.

ABOVE
R.A. Ryan Achilles, Heston sophomore, has a friendly conversation with Jared Weber, Conway Springs freshman, and Troy Webb, Sublet freshman.

LEFT
Keeping her floor's bulletin board decorated, Valerie Patterson, Lakewood, Colo., senior, staples up a March calendar.

BELOW RIGHT
Aspergren counsels Kara Ploger, Kinsley senior, and Julia Butler, McPherson senior.

Assistants provide guidance, solve problems for their floor's residents

A Fort Hays State resident assistant's job never ends.

"You live where you work, so you're never off duty," Amy Weller, R.A. of McMindes 2nd East, said.

Weller, Manhattan senior, said living where you work is time consuming.

"There are times when you are supposed to be off duty, but people still come to your door," she said.

Weller said she must care for small crises such as one of the residents getting homesick or breaking up with boyfriends.

Ryan Achilles, Wiest 4th Floor R.A., said that it isn't uncommon "to get woken up in the middle of the night to handle a situation."

Weller said, "Sometimes it would be easier to roll over and go back to sleep instead of getting up and dealing with the problem."

"But you get up and sometimes you get to talk to the campus police in your pajamas."

In addition to handling any problems that arise, an R.A.'s job includes being a guide for the residents.

"All of the R.A.s are upperclassmen and they have been to school and they know about classes and college life in general — dating and bars," Weller said.

Achilles said, "Students come to us first to ask questions about classes or anything that is going on around campus."

The R.A.s usually let their residents know that they can come to them with any questions.

"Whenever Rebecca (Lofton) is here, her door is always open, so we know that we can just go in and talk to her," Carla Teel, Smith Center freshman, said of the McMindes 2nd West R.A.

The R.A.s are also responsible for making sure the residents don't break rules.

"We have to make sure the residents are quiet during quiet hours and

don't have any male guests after hours," Weller said.

Shana Dalke, Leoti freshman, said that without Weller, 2nd East "would be totally chaotic."

"Amy helps to maintain order on our floor," she said.

Achilles said R.A.s are the front line for the university.

"We are the voices for the residents that might not otherwise speak out," he said.

"We help the younger students get their feet in the door. We are their first connections when they arrive at Fort Hays State," Weller said.

Achilles said he enjoys being around and interacting with the residents.

"After all, they are my job."

Weller said that she has met many people through the residence halls.

"It's a great way to meet people. You get to know the residents on your own floor, plus you get to know all of the other residents, because they stop by the front desk to get change or mail," she said.

Achilles said the relationships he has developed with his co-workers are one of the best parts of the job.

"We've formed our own sort of fraternity," Achilles said.

"We all have similar interests and we spend a lot of time together. I've really become close to the other staff members," he said.

"The staff becomes like a family because you are together all of the time," Weller said.

Weller said that in addition to their responsibilities to the residents, R.A.s are required to work at the front desks of their respective residence halls.

"We work at the front desk four hours a week and six hours on the weekend. One weekend a month we are on duty 24 hours a day, with only one hour to leave the hall," she said.

Despite all of her responsibilities, Weller said she enjoys her job.

She summed up being an R.A. as "a lot of stressful fun."



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We all know we will die someday, but it still comes as a shock when it happens. When a loved one dies, even if it has been expected due to an illness, we are surprised.

It makes me wonder, what happened to the person? Did the quality or essence of the person end? Is it trapped in the body, or was it released to some place better than this earth?

Though most people don't spend every minute of every day pondering the time, place and manner of their deaths, they still are curious about what happens after they die.

My curiosity about what lies beyond the veil of death began when I was a young child.

The family dog had puppies and one of the litter was deformed and died soon after birth.

My brother and I had a mock funeral in the back yard for it. My grandma was there and she comforted my brother and I as we cried about it.

"Everything dies," she said, "It's all part of God's plan."

Even at the age of 7, I wondered why God would want things to die. As I got older, and attended funerals of distant relatives, I realized death was the most natural thing in the world.

Though I understood that death is a natural part of life, it never prepared me for the death of my dad.

I should have been prepared. My dad contracted Hodgkin's disease, which is cancer of the lymph nodes, when he went to college at FHSU in 1960. The doctors gave him six months to live.

Being the stubborn old goat that he was, my dad refused to follow or believe that doctor's diagnosis and by the time he and my mom



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nearly killed him, his body finally wore out.

The "medicine" he was taking had weakened the wall of his heart so much it was as thin as a piece of paper. When it broke, not much could have been done to keep him alive.

It was half time of the first football game of my senior year. I was a senior captain and my dad was an assistant coach. The wind was gently blowing while I went through warmups before the second half.

I noticed that a crowd had gathered near the north end of the field, where the team had just returned from after the half.

Then I heard the announcer call for an ambulance. I thought maybe someone had fallen down. I had no idea it was my dad.

When I finally realized who it was that needed an ambulance, it was like a kick in the stomach.

No one told me what had happened. I just seemed to sense something was wrong. I remember the world felt like it was spinning. I don't remember going to the hospital, but I do remember getting to the emergency room and seeing the doctors through a window working frantically to save my dad.

They worked for a long, long time but it was no use.

Later that night, all of my dad's friends gathered at our house. I remember feeling angry and guilty as I looked at faces so full of

grief.

Angry, because I thought dad had been out there coaching when he was sick. Guilty, because I thought if I had been a better son, less of a burden on him, he might not have died.

I also felt like I had to be the strong one, not only for my mom and brother, but also for my friends, my parent's friends, the school and even the town.

While I was being strong I forgot to grieve. As a result, I went to college and had a breakdown.

The depression and the guilt followed me for a long time. There is still pain, but the scar has pretty well healed.

I wonder where the essence of my dad went. I think it went somewhere else. None of us will ever know the truth until each of us looks behind the black curtain.

Finally, no matter how much death is anticipated, it will still sneak up on you. If you were expecting coping strategies from me, I'm sorry, I have none.

The only advice I can give you is, survive. It will get better. Not the same as it was, but better.

I have found talking about it to be beneficial. I think the more you talk about death, the more you can get control of it.

We all have our beliefs about what happens when we die. We all have some strategy to cope with the death of those near to us.

Some believe they go to heaven or hell, others believe the soul is reincarnated and sent back to earth to learn more. Some even believe "you" just cease to be, that your consciousness simply stops.

I think something happens when you die, but I have nothing to base this belief on. However, to believe I just stop, that my essence, spark of life or "soul" blinks out of existence at the moment of physical death, is to live in utter hopelessness.

Belief in an afterlife, ultimately, ties us together as human beings.

From the editor's desk...

Yesterday, the United States Senate failed to pass an amendment to the Constitution which would have required Congress to have a balanced budget.

A balanced budget is a goal Congress should strive for. However, fiddling with the constitution to reach that goal is stupid and unnecessary.

To balance the budget Congress only needs a simple majority vote. The call to amend the constitution is a political ploy to get votes.

The Republicans supported the push for the amendment by using results from a poll which said 80 percent of the American people supported the balanced budget amendment.

However, they forgot to men-

tion that support for the amendment plummeted when people were told that social security might need to be cut to get the budget balanced.

Polls are wacky things. They show the American people want tax cuts but do not want to lose some social programs like social security.

Speaker Newt Gingrich vowed yesterday to keep fighting for the balanced budget amendment until it passes.

Gingrich needs to take his own advice and "get over it, you lost."

The Republican controlled Congress should move on to other issues important to the American people such as crime, education and health care.

-editorial by Scott Aust

Mel's DINER



Dear Mel,

There is this particular guy on campus that was, is and always will be a close friend of my older brother. My older brother lives in another state, but they keep in touch on holidays, etc. I have always had a crush on this dude, and for the longest time I figured it was a little girl thing that would soon pass.

I have to admit that at my age it is no longer a little girl thing 'cause I am no longer a little girl. He is single and attending FHSU as well. I see him often and we visit, but I feel he still views me as his buddy's little sister. I know that he would do anything for me, but I want him to get to know me for me. How do I get him to take a romantic interest in me without seeming pushy?

Dazed in Haze

Dear Dazed,

I think it's time for little sister to grow up and take a chance on romance. What do you have to lose but a possible good thing. You just need to be honest with your friend about your feelings. Don't overdo it with a sappy, puppy dog approach. Just be yourself, and he'll get the picture. Life is too short to waste on what ifs and maybes. Don't be too discouraged if things don't work out because there are many more men out there who are looking for the right thing too.

Dear Mel,

The other weekend I was doing my laundry in the dorms and I left them to dry. When I came back, I was missing several articles of clothing. Later that week, I saw a girl in the cafeteria wearing a sweat shirt I'm positive was mine. I'm the kind of person who avoids confrontations, but I'm really upset about the situation since I have such a limited budget anyway. What should

I do?

The Emperor's "Stolen" Clothes

Dear Emperor,

I'm sorry to say, but it will probably be very hard to prove that the girl was wearing your clothes unless you have a witness. I recommend you stay with your clothes from now on. This has been a valuable, but expensive, experience. I think it is sad when a supposedly "higher educated" individual stoops so low as theft. What's next?

Dear Mel,

I want desperately to date my athletic instructor. He really swings, if you know what I mean. But, I just read about the faculty/student dating policy and I'm worried.

See, I used to date the chairman, but now Bob will have to notify the chairman, and, well, you can see how it might make trouble for Bobby. Besides that, my aunt dates the dean, and...Oh, it's a real mess. Tell me what to do, Mel.

A Blond in Love

Dear Blondie,

Have you considered turning your life into a prime time mini-series? Go through the correct channels in accordance with the policy and pray everybody involved can act like adults. If Bobby swings as well as you say, I'm sure that you are dipping into the right direction.

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Writer shares ideas about FHSU policies

Since the recent climate at Fort Hays State is in a mode of designing and redesigning rules and regulations, I have a few ideas.

First, class attendance policies. The policy of the university is the student is responsible for attending all classes on time, from beginning to end.

If a student misses class due to illness, the policy states, the student should report it to the Student Health Center. If there is a death in the family, it should be reported to the Division of Student Affairs.

I have a real problem with this policy. I don't have a telephone nor do I have easy access to one.

There is a public pay phone in Weist Hall, but I was told by a former hall director that the phone is not accessible to the public.

It is for the residents of Weist Hall only. (This doesn't make too much sense when all of the dorm rooms are supplied with a working telephone, just okay.)

It's obvious if I'm not in class I have a reason for not showing up. It doesn't make too much sense for me to drag myself out of bed, get dressed, walk over to Student Health to tell them that I'm ready to lose my lunch, so I won't be in class today.

SUSAN
RIGGS

If I was working, I would expect to have to call the job and explain why I would not be in. But I'm not being paid by the university to attend classes, I'm paying them.

The instructor of the course is being paid whether I show up or not.

I'm sure that the instructor would like a full class to teach, but I don't see a legitimate problem, other than the one with their ego.

If I pay for the course, the responsibility to pass falls on my shoulders and not on the university.

Second, the mutual consent policy, being proposed in faculty senate, does not just affect faculty/student relations.

These principles also apply to administrators and supervisors in their relationships with students, faculty, unclassified staff, and classified personnel.

I understand that the university must protect themselves, so why not try this solution: Instead of reporting that a relationship exists to your supervisor, the university administration and the faculty work together and have the people involved in a relationship notify Shala Bannister, the Affirmative Action Officer.

After all, if a student would report ha-

arrassment, they would report it to her.

This makes better sense than troubling the chair of a department. Keep in mind that if a department chair is involved in a relationship with another faculty member, then the chair would have to go to the dean of his department (his superior).

I don't see how the chair, or a dean, of any department has the time to monitor a dating relationship with their work load. It's a good thing the president of the university is married. Who would he report to?

Finally, the parking situation. I think the Student Government Association should take a good look at Kansas State-Salina. They had a similar set up to FHSU's in that staff parking was curbed.

After examining the situation, all of the staff parking was changed to student parking. The reason for this you ask?

Well, it appears that the university realized the bulk of the money coming in was from the students.

FHSU could make this change and still have plenty of parking for faculty and staff.

There's a large area located next to Cunningham Hall and it's just a short walk away. Why can't instructors and staff walk that short distance instead of the students?

Isn't it important for the students to get to class on time?

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fit the elderly.

Other Democrats gleefully invited Republicans to deliver on what the amendment would have demanded but never delivered on its own: a balanced federal budget. To achieve that, the party will have to find \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts over the next seven years, an unprecedented task sure to alienate millions of voters.

"I eagerly await the majority's plans for deficit reduction," said amendment foe Sen. Robert Byrd.

Nearly all senators sat silently at their desks as the roll was called, the only sound that of the Senate clerk reading each lawmaker's name and the response: "aye" or "no." Dozens of Senate aides lined the back wall. Galleries were almost full.

The long-awaited showdown capped a fierce debate that embroiled the Senate since Jan. 30. Dole postponed a promised vote on final passage last Tuesday when amendment supporters, a vote shy, desperately sought to turn a half-dozen wavering Democrats or the lone Republican holdout, Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon. The most hotly sought Democrats were North Dakota's two senators, Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan.

Those Democrats held firm on the ground the amendment did not protect Social Security from deficit reduction. Hatfield also voted "no."

Most amendment supporters were conservative Republicans. But they were joined by Democrats, including liberals like Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, a chief sponsor.

In the final tally, 51 Republicans and 14 Democrats voted for the measure and 33 Democrats and two Republicans, including Dole, voted against it.

Before running aground in the Senate, the amendment sailed through the House in January in two days by 300-132.

The amendment would require elimination in seven years of the deficit now running close to \$120 billion annually.

Lawmakers could suspend the requirement by majority vote during wartime or anytime by a three-fifths margin.

The measure left for later the hard work of cutting spending and raising taxes to balance the budget.

Passage of the amendment was the top item in House of Representatives' Republican campaign manifesto, the "Contract With America," and a leading goal for Senate Republican leaders as well.

After the party's election sweep last November, which gave Republicans control of the House for the first time in 40 years, conventional wisdom held that the amendment would soar through Congress after five failed attempts since 1982 and be sent to the states for ratification.

Voters have expressed growing impatience with the government's sea of red ink, which now exceeds \$4.8 trillion.

Amendment supporters say the measure would provide the pressure needed to force lawmakers to finally address the deficit.

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layout, and concept as part of the packaging," Thumsujarit said, "something the other schools did not do."

Thumsujarit also said that many businesses were "impressed" with the FHSU portfolios.

"Many of the students were offered internships and jobs in Kansas City and Wichita," he said.

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Space shuttle launched for universe study

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Endeavour roared into the night early Thursday on the longest space shuttle flight planned by NASA: a 15 1/2-day mission to study the far reaches of the universe.

Launch controllers found a clearing in the overcast sky and sent

Endeavour on its way at 1:38 a.m., one minute late because of a fleeting problem with a cooling system. Thick, low clouds had hovered over Kennedy Space Center throughout Wednesday night.

"See you back on Earth," astronaut Tamara Jernigan said before

boarding.

During the flight, Jernigan and the three other astrophysicists in Endeavour's seven-member crew will take turns operating three telescopes aboard the shuttle.

The telescopes will measure ultraviolet light streaming from stars, galaxies, quasars, the moon and Jupiter, so astronomers can better understand how the universe evolved and other celestial mysteries.

NASA's longest shuttle trip so far is a 14-day, 18-hour flight by Columbia last summer. If all goes well, this mission will surpass that by 19 hours.

The only other mechanical problem of note was decreased power in two of Endeavour's three fuel cells late Wednesday, caused by trapped

helium. Launch controllers got the fuel cells back up to full power by flushing the line.

As the countdown entered its final hours, NASA's spaceflight chief discussed agency recommendations for eliminating 5,900 jobs, most of them in the shuttle program. More than 2,000 of those jobs already had been targeted for elimination to save money.

"It's not a done deal," Wayne Little stressed, adding that further evaluation is needed. Whatever happens, "this is not something we do overnight."

NASA faces severe budget constraints over the next several years. President Clinton has ordered the agency to cut overall spending by \$5

billion by the year 2000.

In the shuttle program alone, funding has fallen nearly \$1 billion since 1992. During that same time, more than 500 NASA civil service jobs and nearly 4,000 contractor jobs have been cut, again all in the shuttle program.

Littles would not say which NASA centers would be most affected by the new round of proposed cuts. Many of the recommendations involve ways to avoid duplication of work, such as shuttle equipment being inspected and reinspected.

"Believe me, safety will always be the primary thing that we look at," Littles said.

The seven Endeavour astronauts have said they believe the shuttle is safe to fly despite the cutbacks.



MATT SHEPKER / University Leader

Guest speaker

Provost Rudolpho Arévalo speaks to the Spanish Club yesterday afternoon.

Results of mock trial conclude Elvis is alive

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP)—Elvis lives.

So said most of the audience at a mock trial, siding with the argument that Elvis Presley still walks, breathes, sings and swivels his hips on a remote island somewhere as he hides from mobsters who want to kill him.

The 2 1/2-hour trial, held as a fundraiser for the law review publication at the Monterey College of Law, drew 200 people who alternately giggled, gasped and ultimately answered yes to the question, "Is Elvis alive?"

The official line is that Presley

died of cardiac arrhythmia in a bathroom of his Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tenn., on Aug. 16, 1977.

But Phil Aitchison, chairman of the Moneta, Va.-based Presley Commission, which raises money for multiple sclerosis research, argued that the King went into hiding after testifying against mobsters who bilked him out of millions of dollars.

Not according to Aitchison, who argued that President Richard Nixon made Presley a federal narcotics agent at large in December 1970 after Presley decided to get involved in the

war against drugs. He claimed Presley signed his own death certificate to leave his adoring fans a clue that he was still alive.

Aitchison played a recording that he claimed was Presley telling a friend in 1980 that he had retreated to a remote island.

Law student Paul Sanford told him to get a life — and not Elvis'.

"Mickey Mantle is retired, John Wayne is dead," he said. "Kentucky Fried Chicken is no longer fried. And yes, Elvis Presley, the King, is dead. Long live the king."

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and participate.

Speakers at the forum will include:
•President Edward Hammond
•Provost Rodolfo Arevalo

•Karl Metzger, director of student financial assistance

•Mary Ridgway, office of University Relations

•and Johnny Williams, vice president for administration and finance.

During SGA secretary LaNette Schmeidler's report, a moment of silence was observed in memory of

Howard Halpern, director of the Kelly Center, who died Wednesday (see story page 1).

"Although he was only here two months, he had earned the respect of his colleagues and of students," Schmeidler said.

"His passing creates a void in our campus, but also in the world at large."

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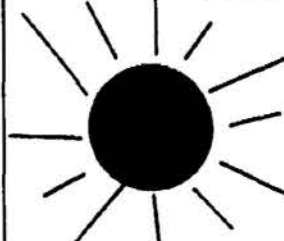
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FHSU women rout Adams State

Ryan Buchanan
Sports editor

Adams State College didn't have much fun on its first trip to Hays this season.

The Indian women's team lost by 32 points to Fort Hays State.

The Tigers weren't any nicer to Adams State Tuesday night, in first-round action of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference postseason tournament.

Led by a swarming defense and the offense of an inside duo of seniors Kristin Wiebe and Kris Osthoff, the Tigers more than doubled the score on Adams State, 87-38.

The win earned FHSU a trip to Denver for tonight's semifinals at the Auraria Events Center.

The top-seeded Tigers will play Mesa State College, who got by the University of New Mexico-Highlands, 90-79, in other first-round action Tuesday.

Wiebe scored 18 points, including and 8 for 9 performance from the foul-line; she also pulled down seven rebounds.

Osthoff added 16 points and led the Tigers with 8 rebounds.

FHSU's real domination, however, came on the defensive end of the floor.

"I was really pleased with our defense," Coach Tom Mahon said. "Our defense won the basketball game tonight, and also created offense for us, by forcing turnovers and giving us some easy baskets."

The Tigers forced Adams State to turn the ball over 33 times compared to 16 for FHSU.

"We dominated them from the start," Mahon said. "It was our whole intent not to let them think they had a chance, and once we did that, I think it just snowballed."

"When it's like that and everything is clicking for you, it really helps your confidence."

The only source of offense for the Indians this season has seemed to be the 3-point shooting of sophomore Yvette Martinez.

Adams State was in big trouble when the Tiger guards shut Martinez down, holding her scoreless in the second half.

Martinez went just 3-17 from 3-point range and finished as the sole Indian in double figures with 10 points.

To make matters worse for Adams State, senior center Joanna Shows left the game early in the first half with an injury.

The Tigers were in control from the start as they opened the game with a 17-2 run including six points from Osthoff in the first five minutes.

FHSU gradually increased its lead and widened the gap to 42-20 at half-time.

Adams State turned the ball over 21 times in the first half, leading to 26 FHSU points.

The Tigers started the second half with a 14-5 run that increased the lead to 58-27 with less than four minutes into the half.

FHSU climbed to a 40-point lead, 69-29, with 7 1/2 minutes left, and cruised to the 87-38 victory.

In other first round games Tuesday, the University of Nebraska-Kearney beat Colorado School of Mines, 79-62, and Chadron State College downed Western State College, 80-70.

That will set up a semifinal match-up between Kearney and Chadron State in tonight's first semifinal game at 4 p.m.

FHSU and Mesa State will play at 8 p.m. The two teams have split this season with each team winning on its home floor.

"I think the top four seeds all have a chance to win the tournament, depending on who's playing well," Mahon said.

"It's all going to come down to who plays well, and who plays the good defense that's going to win that championship. Hopefully we'll come out and be ready to play Friday night."



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Shelby Hayden, Fort Hays State freshman guard, drives the ball past an Adams State player during last Tuesday's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Kenneth Haywood, Fort Hays State junior guard, tries to get the ball past a New Mexico Highlands player during Tuesday's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Tigers face Kearney after first round win against Highlands

Ryan Buchanan
Sports editor

Had the Fort Hays State men's basketball team held the University of New Mexico Highlands to the same amount of scoring in the second half as they did in the first, they would have likely beat the Cowboys by 60 points.

After leading the Cowboys 51-23 in the first half, the Tigers were actually outscored 55-51 in the second half.

Nevertheless, the Tigers settled for a 102-78 victory in Tuesday's first round action of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference postseason tournament.

"I thought the first half we really played well, but in the second half, I think our players were already in Denver, so to speak," Coach Gary Garner said.

"We knew we were in a situation that they couldn't come back on us, and we really played bad the second half," he said.

The Tigers, seeded third, will now

advance to the semifinals in Denver, where they will meet No. 2 seed University of Nebraska-Kearney.

The semifinal game is set to begin at 6 p.m. in the Auraria Events Center.

The discrepancy between the Tigers' first and second half performances was also evident in the play of senior forward Dennis Edwards.

Edwards scored 28 of his 35 points in the first half to lead FHSU; he also had eight rebounds.

Sophomore center Alonzo Goldston followed Edwards with 23 points.

Senior guard Steven McKelvey led FHSU on the defensive end of the floor with 10 rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots.

The win avenged the Tigers' 102-96 loss to Highlands Saturday.

Garner blamed last week's loss to Highlands on FHSU's 36 percent performance from the free throw line.

But the Tigers turned the tables on Highlands Tuesday hitting 72.7 percent from the line, thanks to 30 Cowboy team fouls.

The Tigers shot 52.1 percent from

the field compared to the Cowboys' 39.5 percent.

FHSU held Highlands senior center Joe Banks to just six points, and the only Cowboy to score in double figures was sophomore forward Chevis White with 10 points.

The Tigers exploded to a 14-point lead within the first five minutes of after a 20-6 run piloted by Edwards' first eight points.

The Tigers continued to find Edwards inside for silent points and went up 28-8 at the 12:40 mark.

FHSU gradually increased its lead through the rest of the first half and led 51-23 at halftime.

The intensity exhibited by the Tigers in the first half took a back seat to dunks and ally-oops in the second half as the Cowboys were able to cut the lead to a less embarrassing level.

But the closest Highlands would get was 17 points as the Tigers cruised to their 26th win of the year.

Weather may interfere with baseball games

Ryan Buchanan
Sports editor

Mother Nature may interfere with the Tiger baseball team's first home appearance of the season this weekend.

The Tigers are scheduled to play Regis University in double headers beginning at 1 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday.

At press time, Coach Curtis Hammeke had his television tuned to the Weather Channel, but was still unsure if the fields would be playable by tomorrow.

Hammeke's decision on whether the games will be played was to have been made by 7 this morning.

Temperatures in the 40s are forecast for the weekend, and although the infield at Larks Park is covered with a tarp, there is still about two inches of snow on the outfield.

Hammeke said some of the snow was scooped from the outfield yesterday, but there will have to be considerable melting today to secure a suitable playing surface.

Hammeke said there also may be a possibility that Saturday's game will be called off, and Sunday's games will be played.

The weather this week has also

interfered with the team's practice schedule, as it was forced to practice indoors this week.

"We'd much rather be outside, but the way I look at it is that if both us and the other team are stuck inside, we'll be more prepared when we come out," Hammeke said.

Last weekend the Tigers swept Regis on the road, 12-0 and 4-3.

Hammeke said assuming the games are played this weekend, Regis will likely be prepared to avenge last week's losses.

"I think they'll be fired up to play us. They're not a bad baseball team. Unfortunately for them were excited to play and see what we could do last weekend," he said.

"They're very close to us talent-wise. I expect a very tough battle from them. There's no question we'll have to play extremely well in order to beat them," Hammeke said.

Hammeke said if all four games are played this weekend, seniors Daniel Traffas (1-0) and Brian Thurlow (1-0) will start on the mound for Fort Hays State tomorrow, and juniors Curtis VonLintel (0-0) and Cesar Romero (0-1) will start Sunday.

If the Tigers only play on Sunday, Traffas and Thurlow will get the start.



TRAVIS MORRISSE / University Leader

Voice of the Tigers, Bob Lowen announces his last game for the basketball teams Tuesday night. Lowen is retiring after 25 seasons.

Voice of the Tigers announces last game

Lowen hangs up the microphone after 25 years as public address announcer

Ryan Buchanan
Sports editor

The sound of Bob Lowen's voice has filled Gross Memorial Coliseum for the past 25 years.

As public address announcer for Tiger men's basketball games, Lowen has transformed names like Cesar Fantuzzi (1980-81) and more recently Dennis Edwards into "Sceeezzzzzz" and "Denniiiiis Edwaaaaardzzzzz."

Though Lowen's voice will ever be associated with the traditions of Fort Hays State basketball, the Voice of the Tigers announced his last game Tuesday night.

FHSU President Edward Hammond and Director of Athletics Tom Spicer presented Lowen a plaque prior to Tuesday night's game.

"Absolutely I will miss it. I've

never even thought about quitting before. It's just something I enjoyed doing. But it's time to let a younger person take over," Lowen said.

Lowen first came to FHSU in 1965 as Sports Information Director, and later served as news director for FHSU public relations.

When he started announcing games in 1970, the Tigers were still playing in Sheridan Hall.

But in 1973, Gross Memorial was completed and Lowen moved right along with the team to take his court-side seat.

In the past 25 years, Lowen has rarely missed a game, but recently missed two due to rotator cuff surgery.

Lowen, 59, is currently director of public relations at FHSU.

He will be replaced by Ken Billinger, a disc-jockey for KJLS-FM.

Billinger has recently been in announcing for Tiger football and women's basketball.

Though he will no longer be announcing the games, he will now be watching the game from the stands.

Though he has turned in the microphone, he will always be known as the Voice of the Tigers.